





# Finding WISE AGN

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## Introduction

- WISE has mapped the whole sky from 3-5-12-22µm
- Uncovering new populations need large-area survey matches, but also quite deep data to detect
  - 100-1000x deeper than IRAS, reach z>>0.1
  - Excellent positions ~ few arcsec. Whole sky now available.
  - NVSS/FIRST/SUMSS (Lonsdale & Condon). Cf Glikman here.
  - ROSAT not very deep, help improve IRAS-ROSAT matches.
  - Spectroscopy: SDSS, 2dF, 6dF; GAMA
- Want to find things too rare for Spitzer; but with existing spectroscopic data.
  - Exploit 2XMM (Watson et al. 2010), reprocessed data-center ancillary product, parallel to QA; ~500k sources, 0.2-12keV.
  - BUXS ultrahard sample (Silvia Mateos Ibanez)
  - z>6 QSOs from SDSS, CFHT-LS, UKIDSS and others.
  - Parallel WISE spectral follow up see Lake, Bridge, Stern...

#### **WISE-based AGN searches**

#### WISE bands – AGN have power-law SEDs

- Expect low PAH effects in W3/4
- Starlight has very different properties in W1/2
- Uniquely enshrouded objects Assef
- Take interesting samples & find WISE properties.
- 2dF/SDSS/6dF/deep
   2XMM
   BUXS
   Z>6 QSOs Wright et al. 2010



# WISE colors

- 23µm W4 band is not as sensitive
- W1, W2, W3 provide best insight into galaxy and stellar populations
- Note that AGB stars scatter over the same region as 'eHyLIRGs', but they tend to be bluer in [3.3]-[4.7] and to have 2MASS/SDSS/DPOSS counterparts. Follow-up spectroscopy rate is <2% for stars.



#### Perennial caveat: the Antennae

- Excellent example of distinct opt/UV and IR luminosity; BUT modest luminosity
- Interaction long known, but great IRAS luminosity unexpected
  - ~90% energy escapes at far-IR wavelengths
- Resolved images important
  - Relevant scales ~1" at high redshift

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Spitzer IRAC mid-IR

Chandra

HST WFPC2 Multiband optical

#### AGN identification via WISE

- Stern color red power-law SED region
   Broad optical line in spectroscopic `W12drop' & other surveys. Keck/Palomar/Gemini/LBT

   10-20% level in single-target follow up
- Matching other catalogs ROSAT-2XMM, optical QSO surveys (Yan), radio (Lonsdale)
- Comparison with COSMOS / GOODS / CFHT-LS possible
  - There can be excellent multiwavelength data, but make a much much wider search with WISE

#### 2XMM survey

#### XMM-Newton data center effort

- X-ray flux & energy index (B2-B1)/(B1+B2), hardest spectra objects – BUXS
- All XMM pointings varying depth, many fields galactic, some of time in regular deep fields. Includes real PI's targets too.
- Some multi epochs.

Also Slew survey, reading imagers during inter-target slews (Read et al.). This is very very shallow.

#### **WISE-2XMM** connection

#### ~262k 2XMM objects.

- WISE finds >180k, expected separation distribution. ¼ `real'
- Very non-uniform
- Mix with SDSS/2dFQ get ~2500
- 6dF also adds some in South
- New student Suzy Jones just started





#### BUXS – hard X-ray selected

- Silvia Mateos Ibanez, Mike Watson et al
- New hard X-ray objects found in 2XMM
- 264, all but 2 detected by WISE
  - WISE colors fall in AGN cloud, some with added stellar host
  - Redshifts still proprietary
- Some are large, nearby; some VLT faint
- Extensive follow-up at VLT by Ibanez et al.
- Without WISE, Spitzer could have done this, but WISE saves huge amounts of time
- Serendipitous things that benefit from large areas coverage of both WISE & 2XMM
- Detailed object-by-object dissection of properties

# Highest z QSOs

- Individual targets.
  - SDSS, CHFTLS,
     UKIDSS, Spitzer
  - ~25 found over the sky
  - WISE detects ~ 50%
  - Spiter can also do, but WISE makes it free, and adds in 12 microns.
  - VISTA-LSST-WISE?



W1-W4; 1 arcmin



### WISE colors of these samples



- Spectral surveys as shown before
- z>6 based on WISE detections, not limits
- BUXS hard X-ray sample, some stellar, some very red

#### Expect WISE object SEDs are odd

- WISE sources are sampling different regime of L,p
- Existing

   libraries of far-IR SEDs don't stretch far enough

   WISE hot/blue far-IR objects



#### Compiled CSO results on 1814

#### Local example of ALMA's view

- IRAM PdB CO in NGC 6946 (Schinnerer et al. 2006)
- Spatial structure & gas dynamics
- ALMA can probe at z~3
  - Resolution
  - Primary beam
- Note synergy with eVLA/eMERLIN
  - Ultimately SKA



Red: CO; green: H $\alpha$ ; blue: continuum



CO(2-1) contours HST: Pa $\alpha$  & I band



## Summary

WISE results touch tip of an iceberg Previous known icebergs are available to help to highlight and understand them Comparisons are possible with deep-field examples, at lower luminosity Encouraging prospects for NuSTAR, targeted observations with Chandra, and maybe XMM and Swift.

